THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Keeping in view the increasing responsibilities and the new technological opportunities that are available, there is considerable scope for improvement in the performance of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) Yes, please.

(c) to (e) The creation of a separate Central Archaeological Service is expected to bring in more professionalism in the management of archaeological monuments and optimal utilization of the resources of the Archaeological Survey of India in integrating cultural assets.

Antiques/articles stolen from National Museum, Delhi

250. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of antiques/articles of historical importance stolen from the National Museum, Delhi, during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) how many, out of them, have since been recovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) On 28.06.2003, a Pistol has been found missing from the Maritime Heritage Gallery in the National Museum, New Delhi. This Gallery is under the charge of the Indian Navy. The matter has been reported to the Delhi Police for investigation. No other case has been reported during the last three years.

Revenue from Duty Free Shops

251. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of amount of funds generated from sale at duty free shops at all international airports throughout the country during the last three years;